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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-9, 11, 21-25, 30 and 31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-9, 11, 21-25, 30 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/1/08 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability in previous Office action is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 7-9, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 7, line 5: The phrase "the electronic document" lacks clear antecedent basis.

Claim 11, lines 12-13: The phrase "the electronic document" lacks clear antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims xxxx rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent
#6,182,133 (Horvitz).

- As for claims 5, 21: Horvitz teaches a computer implemented method and corresponding system for rendering web pages (8:36-38, fig 15) to be displayed on a networked client display device on the basis of prior user interaction with the web pages (4:4-19, 27:18-27, 42:34), comprising the steps/means for:
for each of a plurality of web pages having different network addresses:
receiving user request to view the web page (4:20-21, 33-34),
in response to user request, retrieving the web page according to a respective network address (fig 14, 15), determine if an entry associated with the webpage exists in a data structure residing on the networked client display device (4:4-19) (5:21-52), the entry includes a user interactive field (4:16-17, 5:24-37, 44:26-33), if the there is a user interaction entry, determining if the entry field exists on the web page (35:14-17, 41:-44-67, 42:37-58),

rendering the web page on the display (fig 15B). Horvitz teaches rendering the webpage or portion of the webpage based on user's interactions with an interactive field on a webpage. The rendering of the webpage can be based on user's last action such that the user next action can be performed (42:53-54). This teaching suggests automatically scrolling the page to position the interactive field within the visible display area. In the same field of information retrieval, Hobbs teaches automatically scrolling the page to position the interactive field within the visible display area (Hobbs' 25:58-62, 26:57:60, 27:17-22). It would have been obvious to one of skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine Hobbs teaching to Horvitz for automatically scrolling the page to position the interactive field within the visible display area. Motivation of the combining is for saving the user effort to locate the interactive field. A scroll bar is displayed on the side of the web page allowing the user to scroll up and down the page (figs 15).

- As for claims 6: The user interaction field is removed from current location and moved to a top portion of the view area (Hobbs' fig 15).
- As for claim 7: The user profile of navigation history includes a plurality of user interaction fields (4:16-17, 5:24-37, 44:26-33, fig 15B). Other interaction fields can be moved to viewable area on the display screen in the same manner. The webpage corresponding to the user interactive fields are arranged based on a ranking order (24:65-67, 27:58-60).
- As for claim 8: Each user interacted object is associated with a count, the count associated with the second interacted object greater than the first (5:33-55).

- As for claim 9: The combine reference fail to teach that if the count are equal for both entries, then a time value can be used. However implementation a time value for ranking if the count are equal for both entries would have been obvious to one of skill in the art of ranking rules.
- As for claim 11: Horvitz teaches a computer implemented method and corresponding system for rendering web pages (8:36-38, fig 15) to be displayed on a networked client display device on the basis of prior user interaction with the web pages (4:4-19, 27:18-27, 42:34), comprising the steps/means for:
for each of a plurality of web pages having different network addresses:
receiving user request to view the web page (4:20-21, 33-34),
in response to user request, retrieving the web page according to a respective network address (fig 14, 15), determine if an entry associated with the webpage exists in a data structure residing on the networked client display device (4:4-19) (5:21-52), the entry includes a user interactive field (4:16-17, 5:24-37, 44:26-33), if the there is a user interaction entry, determining if the entry field exists on the web page (35:14-17, 41:-44-67, 42:37-58),
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- As for claims 22, 23: Since a page can be larger than a default display screen, some of the page elements are not in the viewable area of the screen (8:36-38).
- As for claim 23: All of one or more user interactive fields can be displayed in the viewable area (Horvitz's fig 15, Hobbs's fig 15).
- As for claim 24: The user interaction entry can be a table entry, a link, a data entered interaction entry, or a scrolling entry (Horvitz's 27:50-54).
- As for claim 25: Per Horvitz, the data structure includes the time spent displaying the electronic document element on the display during prior user interaction with the electronic document (29:65-67).

- As for claims 30, 31: Scroll bars are provided allowing the user to scroll the page (Figure 15).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ba Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4138. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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